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SUBJECT: DIRECTOR GENERAL LIPTAKO-GOURMA AUTHORITY
GIVEN FOUR-YEAR PRISON TERM

REF: BAMAKO 1648 DATED JUNE 17, 1974

1. IN AN UNEXPECTED MOVE BY THE GOM, ALL 12 PERSONS ARRESTED AND ACCUSED OF BEING AUTHORS AND DISTRIBUTORS OF ANTI-GOVERNMENT HANDBILLS WHICH APPEARED IN BAMAKO JUST PRIOR TO LAST YEAR'S CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM INCLUDING CYR MATHIEU SAMAKO, FORMER DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE LIPTAKO GOURMA AUTHORITY WERE BROUGHT TO TRIAL APRIL 2. THE TRIAL BEGAN IN THE AFTERNOON AND LASTED THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT UNTIL 4 A.M. APRIL 3 WHEN THE VERDICTS WERE ANNOUNCED.

2. TEN OF THE ACCUSED INCLUDING THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE LIPTAKO GOURMA AUTHORITY, CYR MATHIEU SAMAKE; THE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE TANNERY (TAMALI), SAMBA SOW; AND THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY,
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ADAMA SAMASSEKOU, WERE GIVEN FOUR YEAR TERMS ACCORDING

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TO A WELL-INFORMED EMBASSY SOURCE. THE TWO REMAINING ACCUSED, LUMAR LY, THE EX-DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNMENT IMPORT-EXPORT AGENCY, SOMIEX, AND MAMI DJENEPO, THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF YOUTH AND SPORTS WERE EACH GIVEN TWO-YEAR TERMS.

3. THE ANTI-GOVERNMENT HANDBILLS DESCRIBED THE NATIONAL REFERENDUM AS A FARCE AND CRITICIZED MEMBERS OF THE RULING MILITARY COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION (MCNL) FOR CORRUPTION AND SUMPTUOUS LIVING.
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